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Car registration decals available soon

The employees at Pass and Registration say they have been out of car decals for over six months and didn't expect them until March at the earliest.

It's inconvenient to use the temporary pass we received when we registered our new car. Is there an alternative?

Thank you for your inquiry. Pass and Registration has not had vehicle decals for some time, but this situation is not unique to Kirtland AFB—it is an Air Force-wide problem.

We expect to get vehicle decals soon but in the interim, temporary passes will be necessary for entry to the base. We appreciate your continued patience.

Security doesn't respond to threatening dogs

I live on Jason Circle and there were two loose dogs in my front yard that would not let my husband leave to go to work. One was a pitbull. One of them actually came at him each time he tried to leave to go to work. Also, my son was across the street and I couldn't even get him or have him come home be-

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cause of the dog being so vicious.

We called the law enforcement desk several times to ask them to come out. The first call they told us that no one was enroute because they'd already had another complaint about the dogs being loose. Then, when we called back, because my husband needed to go fly, they basically told us that they were in the middle of a shift change and a road call and that they would not be able to send anybody out.

The dogs were caught about an hour later by their owners. My concerns are for the dogs and the fact that nobody would ever respond. To this day we have not heard back from security forces.

I really don't know where else to go with it, and I'm very concerned about this problem and the fact that the dogs were out.

My apologies for security forces' lack of responsiveness. We are looking into why a patrol was not dispatched and will take appropriate actions to prevent this from happening again.

In the meantime, the 377th Security Forces Squadron is working with the Housing Office and the Veterinarian to determine if the animals' behavior is a first time or repeat offense and, if a repeat offense, appropriate action will be taken to prevent a further occurrence.

Commissary adding infant carrier carts

I would like to know why the Commissary does not have any shopping carts with the infant holder built in on the top.

I am the mother of a 6-month-old and when I shop, I either have to bring in my own stroller and push that with one hand while I pull a shopping cart behind me with my other hand or I have to carry him, which makes it difficult

to get items from the bottom of the aisles.

I have seen other mothers doing these same things so there is a need for the shopping carts with the infant carriers built in on the top.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Thanks for your suggestion. The Commissary store manager ordered six of the shopping carts with infant carriers built into them and they will be in the store soon.

Testing family 'Space-A' travel in USA

My question is that I cannot clearly understand the difference on space available of your spouse flying with you in continental United States, rather than just across the ocean.

I can understand that there might be a problem if some couples have a lot of kids. In my situation we don't have any kids. It is just my wife and I. I just thought it would be nice if she could fly with me in the United States, also. I have not used space available yet. We went to Niagra Falls, N.Y., but we went by train.

I asked about this at the space available office at Kirtland AFB and they told me to write to my congressman. I thought it was easier to write to you. Also, I cut an article out of the Feb. 7 issue of the Nucleus on DOD tests dependent space available in the U.S. I am not quite sure what it means either.

Thank you for your question. Starting on April 1, a new test program will allow dependents to travel with their sponsors within the continental United States. Retired members who desire to travel space available must present their U.S. Armed Forces Identification Card, and their dependent's Armed Forces Identification Card to sign-up for travel.

Retired members and their dependents can remain on the Space-Available roster for up to 60 days or until Space-A travel has been acquired.

This test will give active duty, retired and family members opportunities to travel the world without the cost of an airline ticket. The test is expected to last until March 31, 2004.

There are two flights scheduled a month from Kirtland AFB: one to Travis AFB, Calif. and the one to Peterson AFB, Colo.

You can sign up for these or any other flights at Building 980, 4150 Randolph Avenue Southeast, Kirtland AFB.

If you would like additional information on Space-Available travel, please call Master Sgt. Rich Lawton, 846-7000 or 846-7001.

See article below for more information on space available travel.

Contacting Forum

We want your suggestions and comments concerning Kirtland AFB. Give base agencies or the chain of command the chance to resolve your concern before calling Forum. Callers' names won't be printed.

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Kirtland AFB NM 87117.

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Chapel, 846-5691
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Computer help, 846-5926
Energy wasting, 846-4633
Exchange Service, 266-9887
Family Services, 846-0741
Finance, 846-8045, 846-6639
Law Enforcement Desk, 846-7926, 846-7913
Legal Services, 846-4217
Medical Clinic, 846-3406
Services Squadron, 853-7679

Space available travel for family members test starts April 1

Did you ever dream of skiing in Colorado or a romantic weekend trip to San Francisco with no charge for travel?

Now, you can live your dream. A one-year test is beginning April 1 to evaluate the expansion of space-available privileges for dependents traveling within the continental United States.

This allows dependents of active duty and retired service members to travel within the continental United States when accompanied by their sponsor.

Leaving from Kirtland AFB

There is a flight to Travis AFB,

Fairfield, Calif., the third Friday of each month, which returns on Sunday, and around the first or second Friday of the month, a flight departs to Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo., also returning on Sunday.

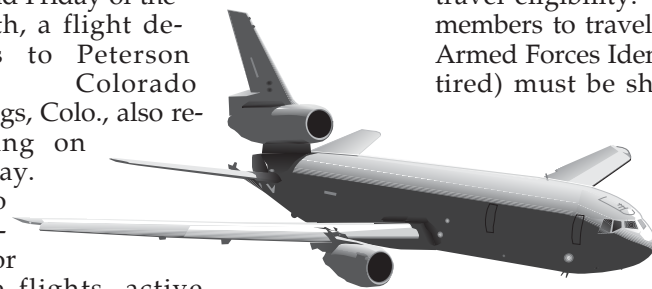
To register for these flights, active duty service members must show a DD Form 2, U.S. Armed Forces Identification Card, and a valid leave authorization or evidence of pass status. National

Guard and Reserve members must present a DD Form 2 and a DD Form 1853, Verification of Reserve status for travel eligibility. For retired service members to travel, a DD Form 2 U.S. Armed Forces Identification Card (Retired) must be shown. Dependents

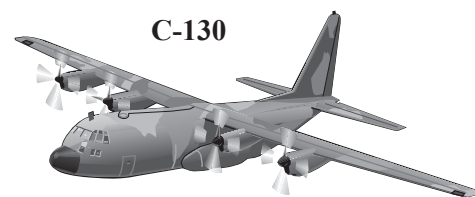
must bring a DOD identification card as well.

★ Flights to Travis AFB are aboard a KC-10, which generally has 50 seats available.

★ Peterson AFB flights are aboard a C-130 with only 10 available seats at



KC-10



C-130

most.

Because space available passengers travel only after all duty cargo and passengers have been accommodated, people traveling on these flights should make sure they have sufficient funds to complete their journey or return home.

To sign up for a flight, stop by Building 980, Randolph Ave. or call 846-7000.



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Staff sergeant STEPs up to tech

Col. Kathie Close, 377th Air Base Wing commander, promotes Staff Sgt. Phillip E. Heide to technical sergeant under the Stripes for Exceptional

Performers program March 3. Heide is the vehicle operations flight chief at the 898th Munitions Squadron. Maj. Daniel Courtois, 898th Munitions Squadron commander, assists.

AF re-implements Stop Loss

BY STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are Stop Lossed.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented across the total force (active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve, and Air National Guard) for the listed career fields and affects all Airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa L. Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our Airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be

implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our Airmen and their families will be making," Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For more information about Stop Loss, members can contact their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop Loss Control Center (SLCC) at (210) 565-2374 DSN: 665-2374 or www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Stop Loss will be implemented on the following AFSCs beginning May 2.

OFFICER—applies to primary AFSC regardless of prefix or suffix except where indicated:

11AX	Airlift Pilot
11BX	Bomber Pilot
11EX	Test Pilot
11FX	Fighter Pilot
11GX	Generalist Pilot
11HX	Helicopter Pilot
11KX	Trainer Pilot
11RX	Recce/Surv/Elect Warfare Pilot
11SX	Special Operations Pilot
11TX	Tanker, C-12 Ctp Pilot
12AX	Airlift Navigator
12BX	Bomber Navigator
12EX	Test Navigator
12FX	Fighter Navigator
12GX	Generalist Navigator
12KX	Trainer Navigator
12RX	Recce/Surv/Elect Warfare Navigator
12SX	Special Operations Navigator
12TX	Tanker Navigator
13BX	Air Battle Manager
13DXA	Combat Rescue
13DXB	Special Tactics
13MX	Airfield Operations

14NX	Intelligence
31PX	Security Forces
32EX	Civil Engineer
43EX	Bioenvironmental Engineer
43HX	Public Health
43TX	Biomedical Laboratory
44EX	Emergency Services Physician
44MX	Internist
45AX	Anesthesiologist
45BX	Orthopedic Surgeon
45SX	Surgeon
46FX	Flight Nurse
46MX	Nurse Anesthetist
46NXE	Critical Care Nurse
46SX	Operating Room Nurse
48AX	Aerospace Medicine Specialist
48GX	General Medical Officer
48RX	Residency Trained
51JX	Flight Surgeon
71SX	Judge Advocate
	Special Investigator

ENLISTED—applies to control AFSC regardless of prefix or suffix except where indicated:

1A0XXX	In-flight Refueling
1A1XXX	Flight Engineer
1A2XXX	Loadmaster
1A3XXX	Airborne Communications & Electronics Systems
1A4XXX	Airborne Battle Management
1A5XXX	Airborne Mission Systems
1A7XXX	Aerial Gunner
1A8XXX	Airborne Cryptologic Linguist
1C0X1	Airfield Management
1C1XXX	Air Traffic Control
1C2XXX	Combat Control
1C3XXX	Command Post
1C4XXX	Tactical Air Command & Control
1C5XXX	Aerospace Control & Warning System
1N0XXX	intelligence Applications
1N1XXX	Imagery Analysis
1N2000	Signals Intelligence Analysis Manager
X1N2XX	Aircrew Signals Intelligence
1N3X44	Production
	Far East Cryptologic Linguist

1N3X55	Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X6**	African Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X7**	Turkic Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X8**	Polynesian Cryptologic Linguist
1N3X9**	Indo-iranian Cryptologic Linguist
1N4XXX	Signals Intelligence Analysis
1N5XXX	Electronic Signals Intelligence
1N6XXX	Exploitation
1S0XXX	Electronic System Security Assessment
1T1XXX	Safety
1T2XXX	Aircrew Life Support
2E2X11	Pararescue
2F0X11	Com, Network, Switching & Crypto Systems
2T3X2AA	Fuels
2T3X2BB	Special Vehicle Maintenance (Fire Trucks)
3C0X11	Special Vehicle Maintenance (Refueling Vehicles)
3C2X11	Communications - Computer Systems Operations
3E0000	Communications - Computer Systems Control
3E0X22	Electrical (CEM)
3E4X11	Electrical Power Production
3E4X22	Utilities Systems
3E5X11	Liquid Fuels Systems Maintenance
3E7X11	Engineering
3E8X11	Fire Protection
3E9X11	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
3H0X11	Readiness
3N0XXX	Historian
3P0XX	Public Affairs & Radio/TV Broadcasting
4A1XXX	Security Forces
4A2XXX	Medical Material
4B0XXX	Biomedical Equipment
4E0XXX	Bioenvironmental Engineering
4H0XXX	Public Health
5J0X11	Cardiopulmonary Laboratory
7S0X11	Paralegal
8D0000	Special Investigations
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